

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his allowance of all claims pending in the above-identified patent application (*i.e.*, Claims 10-18) as part of the first Office Action, which has been designated a *Quayle* action by the Examiner.

As part of the first Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawing figures of record, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a), as not illustrating “a combipack,” as recited in independent Claim 10. New FIG. 9 has been added to the application, and the textual disclosure appropriately amended, in order to overcome the drawing objection, as detailed at Page 2 of the present *Amendment*, which objection Applicants respectfully submit should now be withdrawn.

The present amendments entered for Claims 10, 12 and 15-17 are intended to overcome the Examiner’s non-substantive claim objections: “the bulge” recited in Claims 12 and 15-17 has been substituted with --said mold bulging upwardly--; and, Claims 10, 15 and 16 have been amended to delete the adjective “its” and instead employ the appropriate structural elements.

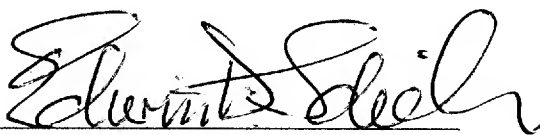
Finally, the Examiner had raised an objection to the term “said clearance,” which appears in Claim 18, rather than Claim 17, as indicated in the first Office Action. It is submitted that “said clearance opening” in Claim 18, line 2, has a proper antecedent basis in Claim 10, lines 11-12 (line numbering as presented in this *Amendment*.)

Accordingly, it is respectfully contended that the instant claim amendments overcome the Examiner's formal objections to the claims, as presented in the first Office Action.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims now pending in the above-identified patent application (*i.e.*, Claims 10-18) recite a novel and efficient pouring spout seal for composite packagings, which is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, issuance of the *Notice of Allowance* at an early date is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney (*Account No. 19-0450*) for any fees or costs pertaining to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application, but which have not otherwise been provided for.